

## **MEDICAL MARIJUANA/CANNABIS TASK FORCE**

### **MEETING SUMMARY FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2002 @ 12 NOON**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPLEX - 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR 1010 SECOND AVENUE**

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#### **Attendees:**

The following Task Force members were in attendance: Chair: Juliana Humphrey, Larry Chaidez, Dale Kelly-Bankhead, Jerry Meier, Michael Bartelmo, Conley Major, St Clair Adams, Ann Shanahan-Walsh and Mike Barbee.

Staff: Ed Plank, Alison Glennon, Lisa Foster and Staa Heshimu.

Summary from November 15, 2002, approved with no changes.

#### **Status of Council Docket Date**

The docket date has been set for February 4, 2003, the Task Force is hoping the item will be heard in the morning instead of the afternoon, since many patients may show up to testify. If the item will be heard in the afternoon, an alternative to contact individuals by cell or pager, will be considered.

#### **Fund-raising Subcommittee**

Juliana e-mailed a draft donor fund agreement to all Task Force members from the Human Dignity Foundation and herself to set up a fund for individuals to donate to assist in funding the seed money. The Task Force voted unanimously to accept the draft agreement, provided the City Attorney's Office approves it in its entirety.

#### **RFP Update**

Paul Simms of the Comprehensive Health Care Center has agreed to meet with several members of the Task Force to discuss the I.D. Card Program. A meeting will be scheduled sometime next month. It was reported that PD cannot do the background checks, but more research is needed to check with Personnel and possibly the Sheriff's Office to see whether this is possible or not. Another possibility, was if an outside agency is selected, then PD may be able to work with the agency if Council approves. On Jan 17, 2003, the Task Force will be discussing the unsolicited proposal which was submitted at the December meeting. It was mentioned, the RFP would need to be re-opened, to let others apply.

## **New Business**

The education and training issue was brought up on how to educate caregivers and provide possible workshop information. The Task Force needs to define the instructions and put together the points on training on possibly a 2-sided type brochure. A sub-committee will be formed to study and implement the information on a brochure.

Dr. Pearce has resigned a possible opening now exists to add another MD. The Chair will need to speak with the appropriate individuals on this issue.

## **Public Comment**

Several speakers commented on the DEA press conference regarding zero tolerance. The speaker wanted to know what will the Task Force do about it. The DEA mentioned they will testify at the Council on Feb 4, 2003. Since Federal law is supreme, the City Council should ask the Federal Government to back off.